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EXPERIMENTS ON DRILLING BORE HOLES WITH EKM-1 ELECTRIC CORE DRILLS IN SOVIET BAUXITE MINES

Until recently, drilling of bore holes at the Severoural'sk bauxite mines was done only by pneumatic rammers. In 1950, experiments were made in these mines with EKM-1 electric ore drills, designed by Prof V. G. Mikhaylov.

EKM-1 electric drills have monors with a power of 2.5 kilowatts, and the speed of the spindle can be varied between 155 and 1,500 revolutions per minute, with the feed of the spindle per revolution varying between 0.6 and 7.5 millime-

For these experiments twist drills were used with a length of 0.5 to 3 meters, a rhombic section of 35 x 18 millimeters, the boring bars being made of U-7 steel. Standard type No 3 cutters were used, reinforced with VK-8 hard alloy. In addition, chisel-shaped cutters were used.

The experiments were carried out in shaft No 4 of Northern Mine No 2. Holes were drilled both in rock (limestone) and in bauxite ore of various types. The following table gives a description of the kinds of rock and the volume of work performed:

		Ho	o'es Drilled
Type of Rock	Coefficient of Rock Strength	<u>No</u>	Total Length (m)
Monolithic, light grey limestone	8	18	40
Red bauxite ore (crude ore)	5	48	115
Same	4-5	65	135
Flagstone, jasper-type bauxite ore	6-7	14	20
Total		145	310

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The following table gives data on various methods of drilling:

	Tested Meth	aods	•			
Spindle rpm	Feed per Revolution (mm)	Speed of Feed (mm/min)	Type of Rock	Total Length of Drilled Bore Holes (m)		
208	0.6	125	Limestone	8		
208	1.32	275	Seme	-		
208	0.6	125	Wet, red bauxite ore	32 40		
270	0.6	162	Same	75		
208	1.32	275	Wet and dry red bauxite ore	135		
208	1.32	¹ 5	Flagstone, jasper-type	135		
070	1		bauxite ore	12		
270	1.32	357	Same	8		

^{*} The top figure gives the depth of holes in wet ore; the lower figure, for dry ore.

The table below shows the speed of drilling holes with electric drills and pneumatic drilling hawmen's:

	Average Speed			
Type of Rock	Electric Drilling (mm/min)	Pneumatic Drilling (mm/min)		
Wet red ore	120	76		
Flagstone, frozen ore	200	64		
Dry red ore	5 11 0	42		
Limestone	210	49		

The experiments have shown the expediency of using EKM-1 electric drills instead of pneumatic drilling hammers in the Severoural'sk bauxite mines.

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